



SPRINGFIELD ART MUSEUM

January - February 2010

N E W S L E T T E R

MUSEUM NEWS

Museum Hours:

Tuesday- Wednesday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Thursday: 9:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.; Friday - Saturday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Sunday: 1:00 P.M. till 5:00 P.M. Closed Monday, City of Springfield and national holidays. The Museum is conveniently located just west of the intersection of National Avenue and Bennett Street in the south-central part of the city.



Springfield Art Museum

1111 East Brookside Drive
Springfield, Missouri 65807
417-837-5700.

On the Web at <http://www.springfieldmogov.org/egov/art/>

Mission Statement

The Springfield Art Museum is dedicated to enhancing the education and documenting the diverse cultural heritage of the people of southwest Missouri, through the collection, preservation and exhibition of art objects.

School and group tours are encouraged and may be arranged by calling the Museum two weeks in advance of a planned visit.

On the cover: Pond Rain, oil on canvas, 2008, by Michael Mazur. Museum Acquisition Fund and contributions from the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates, Marcia W. Justice, Chalen Phillips and Jerry Berger.

From the Director Jerry A. Berger

As we start the New Year, the staff members of the Springfield Art Museum look forward to a fruitful and exciting schedule of exhibitions. The *Bruce West: Spiritual Advisor to the World* exhibition of photographs by this nationally known Springfield artist will be on view through 17 January. It is an opportunity for visitors to see thirty-eight works documenting the lives and beliefs of the Reverend H.D. Dennis, a self-proclaimed preacher, architect and artist, and his wife Margaret. West has been photographing the Reverend Dennis and his wife since 1964 and has documented

this spiritual and creative couple along with their home which is a recognized site of American folk art. The photographer is a Professor at the Missouri State University Department of Art and Design and has received many awards as well as fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Ford Foundation and The Polaroid Corporation. His work is represented in the collections of the Library of Congress, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the St. Louis Art Museum and the Springfield Art Museum. In addition to the photographs on view, a video about the Reverend and Mrs. Dennis and their home in Vicksburg, Mississippi is played in the gallery for visitors to see.



The True Gospel Preached Here, MS, C-print, 2008, by Bruce West.



The Studio, lithograph, 1996, by Jacob Lawrence. Collection of the Springfield Art Museum. ———



Filaments of Light (Chicago) woodcut, 2000, by Yvonne Jacquette. Museum Acquisition Fund. ———

Opening with a reception on Friday, 15 January, from 5:30-7:00 P.M. is a special exhibition of seventy-five works by the late African-American artist Jacob Lawrence. Titled *Jacob Lawrence: Prints, 1963-2000, A Comprehensive Survey*, the exhibit will be on view through 28 February and offer viewers the chance to see

several complete series of the artist's works. The reception will be hosted by the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates and is open to the public. Heidi Lange, Director of the DC Moore Gallery in New York City will give a gallery talk about the artist and his work on Saturday, 16 January, at 2:00 P.M. DC Moore

Gallery represents the artist's estate and we are delighted to be able to have Heidi come to the Museum to share her expertise and information about Lawrence.

An ongoing display of recent acquisitions is also being featured at the Museum. In spite of difficult economic times, donors



Into the Night, lithograph and silkscreen, 2009, by May Stevens. Museum Acquisition Fund. ———



Boys Art #23: Iron Jar Fortress, Korea, mixed media, 2000 - 02, by Joyce Kozloff. Museum Acquisition Fund.



Café Tabou, etching and aquatint, 1985, by Red Grooms. Museum Acquisition Fund.

have been very generous to the Museum. Throughout the next couple of months, works added to our collections during 2009 will be on exhibit on a rotating basis.

Recently, we have had the privilege of acquiring six large photographs by Julie Blackmon as a gift of the artist. The photographs are: *Candy, Before the Storm, Baby Toss, Wicker Swing, The Power of Now* and *Girl Across the Street*. Funds for framing the works were generously provided by Jeanie and John Morris. We are very pleased to have these beautiful works

which are the first by this renowned Springfield photographer to enter the collections. Blackmon also presented the Museum with a limited edition copy of a book about her work, Julie Blackmon: Domestic Vacations.

We are delighted to be able to add one of the last paintings created by the late Michael Mazur. It was acquired with acquisition funds and specific donations. I very much appreciate that SMMA, Marcia W. Justice and Chalen Phillips helped me provide funds to make this possible.

The 2008 oil on canvas painting, *Pond Rain*, is directly related to his Pond Edge series of prints of which we have several works. Mazur's 2005 4-color screenprint *Serpentine with Orchids* was acquired in November. Other works that were recently acquired include Joyce Kosoloff's 2001-02 mixed media on paper *Boys' Art #23, Iron Jar Fortress, Korea*, Matt Rebholz' 2009 intaglio and chine collé *Underground Experimental Cavern*, Red Grooms' 1985, etching and aquatint *Café Tabou*, Yvonne Jacquette's 2000 woodcut *Filaments of Light (Chicago)*, May Stevens' 2009 lithograph and silkscreen *Into the Night* and Sue Coe's 2009 woodcut *Auschwitz begins whenever someone looks at a slaughterhouse and thinks: they're only animals*. These works are excellent acquisitions and we are delighted to add them to our holdings of works by important contemporary American artists.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead. We thank you for making this past year a good one, wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and hope that you will continue to support and visit your museum in 2010.



Girl Across the Street, photograph, 2008, by Julie Blackmon. Gift of the Artist.



Underground Experimental Cavern, *intaglio and chine-collé*, 2009, by Matt Rebholz. Museum Acquisition Fund.



Serpentine with Orchids, 4-color screen print, 2005, by Michael Mazur. Museum Acquisition Fund.



Prints U.S.A. 2009 reception was provided by the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum. Left to right: Denise Steinke, Ruth Penaherrera-Norton and Sharon Cates.

Docents

Every other year the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates generously fund a member of the docent corps to represent Springfield at the national docent symposium. At the symposium there are speakers of national prominence that address issues that are affecting all museums, and breakout sessions presented by museums that address issues from new approaches to touring to embracing diversity. There is the opportunity to mix with peers from other museums across the country. After the symposium the representative reports back to the Springfield Art Museum docent corps about the event and shares both positive and negative issues that have been covered.

This year, Richard Turner was the representative for the corps at the symposium which was held in Toronto at the Art Gallery of Ontario. In addition to participating in the events held at the newly transformed Art Gallery designed by Toronto native Frank Gehry, Richard returned with fresh insights, enhanced tools and new ideas.

Education

Registration for spring studio classes begins 23 February and continues through 2 April 2010. Classes will begin 6 April and continue through 19 June 2010. There are no classes the week of May 25 - 29.

The Museum website www.springfieldmogov.org/egov/art/ contains the entire list of classes and materials.

SMMA NEWS

President's Letter Gloria Eskew

With the busy Christmas holidays behind us, it is my pleasure to wish each of you many blessing for the New Year.

Thank you to Peggy Clemons and her committee for a successful SMMA Fashion Show and Silent Auction. Hickory Hills Country Club provided a spectacular setting for the event.

I hope each of you has an opportunity to shop in the Museum Gift Shop. Carolyn Fay and Felicia Whitaker have obtained wonderful quality items for sale.

SMMA will host the reception for the Jacob Lawrence Multicultural Exhibition on Friday 15 January 2009 from 5:30 -7:00 P.M.

We will again will be offering Geraniums for spring planting. Addition information will be available closer to the date.

The Extension Art Group Luncheon will be held at The Tower Club on March 24, 2009 at 12 o'clock noon.

I am anticipating an exciting productive year for SMMA.

Condolences

SMMA members express their condolences to Betty Kinser, SMMA President from May 2007 until April 2009, in the loss of her daughter Elizabeth Kinser. Nothing is harder than losing someone you love, but friends can help with the healing.

Memorials

Living Art
in memory of
Irene Rains

Theatre Appreciation
in memory of
Annette Federow

In Honor

Home Design
to honor
Dr. Victor Mathews

Speakers Gifts

World Arts
in recognition of
Jordan Valley Innovation
Center speaker
Keela Davis

Renaissance
in recognition of
Peggy Clemons

American Arts
in recognition of
Shirley Virdon

Kansas City

SMMA members took a wonderful trip to Kansas City December 2nd - 3rd. It was enjoyed by all who joined our tour guide Shirley Allen. She served as the Executive Secretary of SMMA from 2000-2002.

New Members Needed

The membership committee is compiling a list of women who might be interested in forming a new art group. Several names have come to our attention. If you know of someone, perhaps a daughter, niece or friend who may be interested, please call the SMMA office 837-5700, or e-mail Margaret at mhindman@springfieldmo.gov. We will be having an informational meeting at the Museum in the near future.

If you have any suggestions for innovative ways of increasing our membership, contact Margaret or Janet Ellison at: janetellison@mchsi.com.

SMMA is a non-profit volunteer organization formed in 1926 and has approximately six hundred active and inactive members. SMMA is open for new members. Call or come by and see if you would like to belong to this organization and help raise money for the Springfield Art Museum while having a great time making friendships. SMMA has over thirty art groups that meet at least once a month and study art with refreshments or lunch. You can be active or an At-Large member and receive the news-letters, reception invitations, discounts on art classes and a ten percent discount on merchandise from the Museum Shop. Extension Art Groups are in Ava, Cabool, Marshfield and Monett.



The SMMA Executive Committee wishes all of you a wonderful New Year. Thank you SMMA members for all the hours of volunteering. Left to right, front row: Mary Lee Marsh (Ways and Means Chairman) and Beverly Steelman (Treasurer). Back row: Margaret Hindman (Executive Secretary), Janet Allen (Vice President), Gloria Eskew (President), Shirley Maddy (Publicity/Public Relations), Joan Menchetti (Acquisitions & Projects), Norene Rinker (Secretary).

Calendar

Board meeting: 27 January, coffee at 9:30 A.M., meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Board meeting: 24 February, coffee at 9:00 A.M., meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Thank You

Thanks to Peggy Clemons and her committee for all the hard work and hours they put in making the Fall Fashion Show such a big success. Serving on the committee were Janet Allen, Cam Thieme, Pam Tynes, Janis Clutter, Jo Ellen Wills, and Nancy Onstot. This is a fun and tedious job but they certainly did succeed. The committee would like to have any input you have to give about this fundraiser both positive and negative. The committee is hopeful that those that attended enjoyed this endeavor especially the accommodation at Hickory Hills Country Club.

Museum Shop

The Museum Gift Shop has had a wonderful first year. Thank you to the volunteers that helped make this possible. Thank you to the customers that have patronized SMMA's gift shop. Please continue to come in and shop.

SMMA's buyers are continuing to go to market and bringing in new merchandise.

The Museum Gift Shop is run by SMMA volunteers and is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

If you can volunteer in the Museum Shop, even just one time, please give Carolyn Fay a call at 881-5220. We are always looking for SMMA members to volunteer in the shop.

This is one of many ways SMMA raises money to assist the Springfield Art Museum.

PANCAKES
ALL YOU CAN
EAT
APPLEBEE'S
South Glenstone
8 AM to 10 AM
Saturday
27 March

Pancakes in 2010

We need your HELP to sell tickets and to bring your family members and friends to enjoy this event. You can volunteer to be servers; SMMA can keep the tips—this is a fundraiser. There will be more information at the January and February board meetings and in the March/April newsletter. If you would like to help serve pancakes between 8 AM and 10 AM, please call the SMMA Office at 837-5700. This should prove to be fun and will help raise money for the Springfield Art Museum. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Pecans

SMMA is still offering pecans for sale as a fundraiser to benefit the Springfield Art Museum. These beautiful bags of pecans come in cinnamon glazed, dark milk chocolate, light milk chocolate, mammoth pecan halves, caramel clusters, and pecan pieces for \$8.00 each. They make wonderful gifts and great treats for eating or baking. Come by the SMMA Museum Shop or the SMMA office and pick up several bags before they are all gone.

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Museum Calendar

January

- 10: **Prints U.S.A. 2009** closes.
- 14: Museum Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.
- 15: ***Jacob Lawrence: Prints, 1963 -2000, A Comprehensive Survey*** preview reception hosted by SMMA, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- 16: ***Jacob Lawrence: Prints, 1963 -2000, A Comprehensive Survey*** opens. Gallery talk by Heidi Lange, Director of DC Moore Gallery, 2:00 p.m.
- 17: ***Bruce West: Spiritual Advisor to the World*** closes.
- 21: Friends of SAM Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., in the Conference Room.
- 27: SMMA Board meeting in the Conference Room, 9:30 coffee, 10:00 A.M. meeting.

February

- 11: Museum Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.
- 18: Friends of SAM Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., in the Conference Room.
- 24: SMMA Board meeting in the Conference Room, 9:30 coffee, 10:00 A.M. meeting.
- 28: ***Jacob Lawrence: Prints, 1963 -2000, A Comprehensive Survey*** closes.

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